

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
June 09, 2022

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Nickole Fox  
Amy Guzynski  
Jessica Tutt  
Quinn Wright  
Paige Szymanski  
Sandra Quackenbush  
Kevin Wright

#### **EXCUSED ABSENT**

Rebecca Chambliss  
Emily Rohrbach

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Heather Hames

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

#### **Approval of the minutes of May 5, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2022 made by P. Szymanski, seconded by J. Tutt.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Szymanski, Seconded by Tutt.

Voting Yea: Fox, Guzynski, Tutt, Council Alternate Wright, Vice-Chair Szymanski, Alternate Quackenbush, Alternate Wright

1. Minutes from May 5, 2022.

Motion to approve Minutes by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Tutt.

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present wishing to speak at this time.

### **REPORTS**

2. Advice & Educate

Commissioner Fox is looking into Safe Talk training in September. Oakland County is conducting training events for anyone age 15 or up.

Discussion about stigma behind people not calling suicide hotlines for fear of being sent to a hospital or mental hospital by default. Madison Heights Community Coalition wishes for Commissioner Fox to be a co-trainer at this event.

Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Tutt to be a co-sponsor of the Safe Talk training by promoting the event on social media and/or by word of mouth, and/or by participating in the Safe Talk training event.

Voting Yea: Fox, Guzynski, Tutt, Council Alternate Wright, Vice-Chair Szymanski, Alternate Quackenbush, Alternate Wright

3. Communications

Nothing to update.

4. Fundraising

Note: Rebecca Chambliss is joining this subcommittee.

Motion to adopt September 18, 2022 for plant/book sale to benefit HREC.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Szymanski, Seconded by Alternate Quackenbush.

Voting Yea: Fox, Guzynski, Tutt, Council Alternate Wright, Vice-Chair Szymanski, Alternate Quackenbush, Alternate Wright

5. Volunteers & Collaborations

Getting ready for Diverse Voices Book Club.

June 30 at 6:30 pm.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. Juneteenth Update

Juneteenth Update: High school group doing a poetry slam as part of the opening ceremony. Vendors and food trucks are lined up. Flyers went out to schools to encourage a large family turn-out. HREC booth at Juneteenth - volunteer coverage needed - Jessica Tutt volunteered to work the booth the whole day. Seeking volunteers and donations right up until the day. Still need rib competition contestants. Please promote on our social media and personal social media pages.

7. Arts & Pride Event Update

Arts & Pride Event Update:

Park Pavilion B. Smaller event but Liberty Cannabis is the event sponsor. Sweet Delight Ice Cream Truck Event is June 11 from 4 until dusk. Face painting, games, arts board,

library will also attend. Andy Levin will be there 4:30 - 5:00. Someone is reaching out to Haley Stevens to invite her as well.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Open meetings act reminder:

Texts, facebook messages and emails - keep under quorum if they happen.

Motion to approve Paige as Chair. Nom. Nickole Fox seconded by Jessica Tutt.

Looking for a Vice Chair. Nickole Fox was nominated but is taking time to think about it.

### **8. HREC Recommendation for Gender Identification in Registration Procedures**

HREC members were made aware of a resident's question on whether the Recreation department's registration software had more options than male/female available.

City Manager Marsh shared information that the Recreation department's program software does indeed have many options available for registrants to choose from to select gender. It should be noted that the software asks participants to select their gender when creating their profile, not when registering for events.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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